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SHORTAGE OF CRANES FOR MOSCOW  
MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS;  
NEW CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY

BUILDERS BLAME MINISTRY -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 30 Jun 52

The City Administration of the Construction Materials and Construction  
[Machinery] Parts Industry has considerably increased the capacity of its  
plants in recent years. A further expansion of production is required, how-  
ever, to satisfy Moscow's construction needs completely.

Important means toward this end are the equipping of older plants with  
new equipment and the introduction of new technology -- measures which the  
Ministry of Construction- and Road-Machine Building can and should take.  
Judging from the facts, however, the ministry has not given this matter nearly  
the attention it deserves.

In 1951, the Khar'kov Krasnyy Oktyabr' Plant sent four dry brick presses  
to the Cheremushki [Brick?] Plant [in Moskovskaya Oblast?]. Tests revealed ser-  
ious flaws in their design, and the presses were sent back to Khar'kov. After  
a considerable interval, the Krasnyy Oktyabr' Plant corrected and returned  
only two of the four presses. But even these machines are not operating at  
full capacity, since they were not provided with a complete set of drying drums,  
pulverizers, and humidifiers.

Other presses at the Cheremushki Plant give the mechanics a great deal of  
trouble. The presses have about 20 bearings differing in size and design.  
Some of them are of a type in very short supply, a circumstance which compli-  
cates maintenance and repair. It would seem advisable to reduce the number of  
types and sizes of the bearings in these presses.

Repair of equipment is of vital importance in maintaining continuous opera-  
tions. In plants of the construction-materials industry, however, the job is  
made difficult because there are not enough spare parts. Time and resources are  
wasted by the plants which must make their own parts.

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Moscow builders also have grievances against the Ministry of Construction and Road-Machine Building. Cranes of new design are needed for the construction of the ten-to-14-story houses now going up in Moscow. The ministry, however, has so far failed to design even a single crane for work on multi-story buildings. It is characteristic that the small Tower Crane Plant of the Baumanskiy Rayon Industrial Trust has begun production of the new-design cranes which the builders need. Meanwhile, the ministry dawdles, even though it has a special design bureau and machine-building enterprises at its disposal.

Many construction organizations in Moscow are in need of various machines, but Glavstroyemkhanizatsiya (Main Administration for the Supply of Construction and Road Machines to the Construction-Materials Industry) does not consider the needs of the city. The city's 1952 needs called for 250 [construction] machines and aggregates. Of this number, the ministry allotted only 15 machines for bending concrete-reinforcing rods, as well as several plastering machines.

#### CONTRIBUTE TO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS -- Moscow, Pravda, 21 May 52

During 1952, the Nyazepetrovsk Machine-Building Plant imeni Kalinin has sent the great construction projects over 50 gravel-washing machines, 5-ton cranes, swivel cranes, and other construction mechanisms.

#### COMPLETE ROLLER AHEAD OF SCHEDULE -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 22 May 52

The Shcherbakov Road-Machinery Plant, which turns out rollers for the great construction projects, has just completed a 10-ton roller, which was part of its third-quarter quota.

#### PLEDGE GRADER SHIPMENT -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 22 Jun 52

The Bryansk Road-Machinery Plant has been supplying the great construction projects with self-propelled loaders, asphalt pavers, asphalt mixers, graders, and other machines, filling all orders ahead of time.

The plant is now working on a new group of machines needed for building irrigation canals in the area of the Volga-Don Canal. The plant has pledged to ship out over 30 graders in the first half of July.

#### NEW MACHINE TO WORK ON MOSCOW-KUYBYSHEV POWER LINE -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 25 May 52

The Khar'kov Power-Line and Electrical-Installations Plant has established production of the VI-23 mobile telescoping tower designed for setting up and repairing high-voltage power lines. Mounted on a ZIS-151 truck, the tower is extensible to a maximum height of 23 meters. The plant has already sent one of these machines to the builders of the Kuybyshev-Moscow high-voltage power line.

#### TO BUILD UNIVERSAL MACHINE -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 26 Jun 52

The Leningrad Experimental Plant for the Mechanization of Power Development has begun work on a new universal machine designed to set up the high-tension lines which will link the Volga and Dnepr hydroelectric stations with industrial centers.

The machine will dig the foundation recesses, assemble and erect the towers for the lines, and handle the installation of the insulators and running of the lines. It will be able to travel over broken terrain and marshes. -- B. Fedoskov, production chief, Experimental Plant for Mechanization of Power Development.

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